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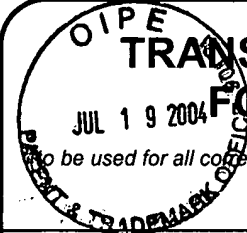
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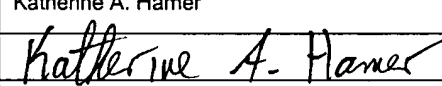
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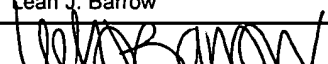
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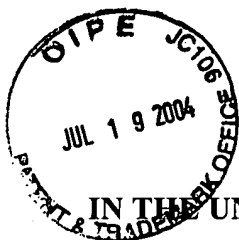
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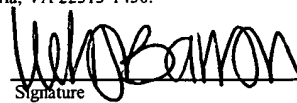
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The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed April 19, 2004, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on July 19, 2004.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.